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Announcements

March's Dinner will be at [Carley's Ristorante](#) on Saturday, March 9th at 5:30pm. We'll sit down promptly at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at our [website](#).

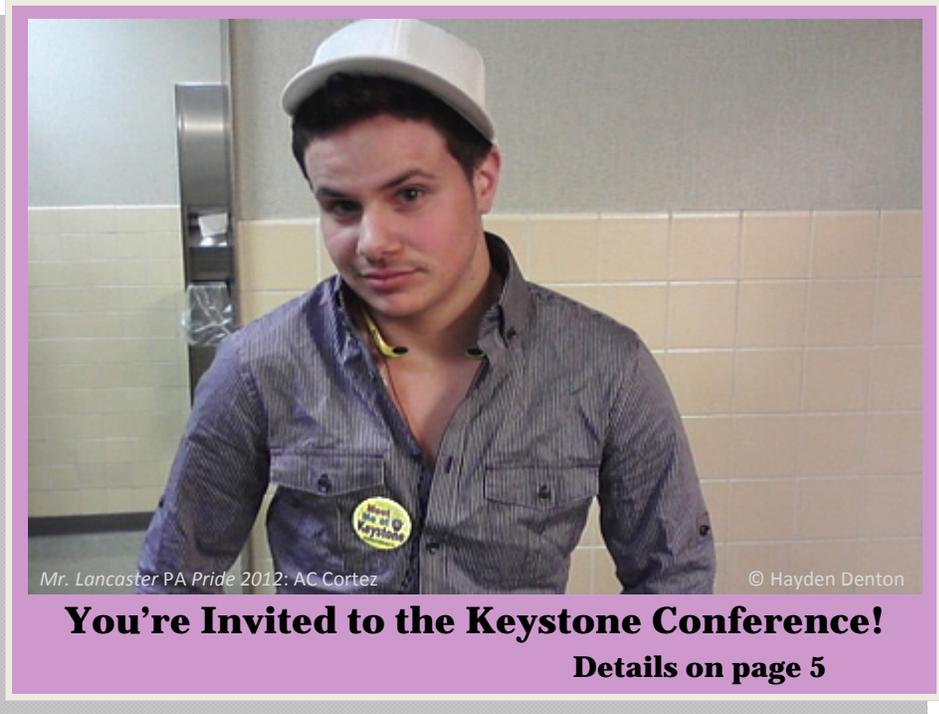
March's Meeting is Saturday, March 9th at 8:30 pm. Doors will open at approximately 8:00 pm.

After Hours is at [Stock's on Second](#). Stock's offers an opportunity to mingle and socialize in a friendly atmosphere as well as an opportunity to dance to some great music. So for great conversation, friendship and more, please join us at Stock's on 2nd. There is no cover charge!

March Birthdays! Please say Happy Birthday to Randi Wa. & Courtney Ra.

2013 Membership Dues are being reduced to a one-time annual fee of \$20. Spouses or SOs are \$10 for the year. Dues are used to pay for meeting space, program literature, our website and our affiliation with and support of community groups and activities such as Common Roads, the Community Center, Central Pennsylvania Pride, etc. Please continue to support our organization and efforts by joining or renewing your membership—we are making a difference!

2013 Keystone Conference Hurry registra-



Mr. Lancaster PA Pride 2012: AC Cortez

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You're Invited to the Keystone Conference!

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tion ends soon! Register rates increase after March 5th. The Harrisburg-Hershey Sheraton Hotel is completely full for both Thursday and Friday night of the conference. We have started a standby list on the Keystone Conference website under the ABOUT>HOTEL tab. We have also contracted with both the Holiday Inn across the street and the Wyndham down the road for the same low rate of \$109/night (restrictions apply). Visit the [Keystone website](#) for details. Please take a moment to visit the

website and mark your calendars for March 13–16, 2013!

Red Roof Inn Discount. We have negotiated a rate of \$42.99/night for 2013 for both TransCentralPA members and guests. To take advantage of this special offer, call the hotel directly at (717) 939-1331 and use the rate code "TCPA". They also are offering a special price for their Business King suites, too. Ask for details.

If you do not want to switch hotels in mid-conference the Keystone staff have start

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March 2013

Two weeks from today we'll be wrapping up the Keystone Conference 2013, the fifth time in that many years that TransCentralPA has hosted this event, now one of the largest, best attended such conferences in America. We continue to call it "A Celebration of Gender Diversity", which it rightfully is. Keystone is a celebration of the vast and varied community of transgender people; it is a coming together so that we may find common ground and cause as we continue our relentless push for complete inclusion in the fabric of everyday American life. We, and our cause, are continuing to gain notice and momentum. In his inaugural address a few weeks ago President Obama said, "We the people declare today that the most evident of truths, that all of us are created equal, is the star that guides us still, just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall." We were Stonewall: there transgender people started the LGBT movement towards inclusion and equal rights in America in a violent confrontation with police who denied us the right to express our gender identity. Last November Vice President Biden foreshadowed the President's reference when he declared transgender equality "the civil rights issue of our time".

The Keystone Conference plays a big part in this grand scheme. When over five hundred people come together over three days and nights to rally around a purpose, to learn from each other, to share experience and knowledge and to celebrate our uniqueness, our power base grows within each of us and with all of us. It is important, too, that this event takes place in Pennsylvania's capitol city, for this state is one of the last in the mid-Atlantic region to recognize the need of transgender people to be equal under the law. I urge you to come to Keystone, to be involved and to be a part of moving our people out into the vanguard of American progress.

With warm wishes,

Jeanine Ruhsam

From the President



Jeanine Ruhsam

Calendar of Events

Bold text are TransCentralPA sponsored

Mar 1	Common Roads —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Mar 2	Laptop Lounge King of Prussia, PA
Mar 2	TGEA Meeting Harrisburg, PA
Mar 6	Common Roads —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Mar 7	Common Roads —Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Mar 7	Women's Group Meeting Harrisburg, PA
Mar 7	The Curve York, PA
Mar 8	Ensuring Inclusivity of LGBT people Gettysburg, PA
Mar 8	Common Roads —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Mar 8-9	The Vagina Monologues Harrisburg, PA
Mar 8	NoVA MCC —Gender Support Group in Fairfax, VA
Mar 9	TransCentral PA Dinner @ Carley's Ristorante Meeting @ MCC Of The Spirit After Hours @ Stocks
Mar 10	Camp HighLight Harrisburg, PA
Mar 13-16	The Keystone Conference Harrisburg, PA
Mar 13	Common Roads —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Mar 14	Common Roads —Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Mar 15	Common Roads —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Mar 15	Responding To Aids Conference Gettysburg, PA
Mar 16	Laptop Lounge King Of Prussia, PA
Mar 19	PFlag York, PA

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Visit www.TransCentralPA.org for details & more event info!

SCOTUS Vigil

March 26th 2013

Join the Capital Region Stonewall Democrats & Marriage Equality for PA—HLLY Chapter & other local groups for a vigil on the evening that the Supreme Court of the United States listens to oral arguments on the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) & Proposition 8 (Prop 8).

Where: 3rd street & Walnut street, Harrisburg, PA

www.ME4PA.org

www.CapitalStonewall.org

www.LightToJustice.org



Trans-Headliners

Below are several news stories, blogs, opinions and resources for your reading pleasure. Opinions & views in these links cannot be assumed to be of TransCentralPA, nor the Officers or Members of TransCentralPA. Our goal is to simply provide you with information & thought-provoking viewpoints. If you would like to submit a story, please email us at info@TransCentral.org

[We're done hiding: A first lingerie line for the Transgender woman](#)

[Brown University's student health plan will cover sex changes](#)

[State files charges against a bar owner for transgender discrimination](#)

[Conference to explore transgender people's health needs \(Jason Robert Ballard\)](#)

[Transgender NYC teacher, sues school after allegedly being branded 'Worse Than Gay'](#)

[Trans-Aging: We're still here!](#)

[Surviving a gender variant childhood: The views of Transgender adults on the needs of gender variant kids & their parents](#)

[Remembering Dr. Leah Schaefer, the Sweet Singer-Turned-Psychiatrist Who Healed a Generation of Trans Women](#)

[Portugal passes Trans hate crime law](#)

[How to explain gender reassignment to a child](#)

[Opinion: Transphobia is an international disease](#)

[11 Trans artists of color you should know in 2013](#)

[Transgender people of color & domestic violence](#)

[Five arrested in killing of Milwaukee Trans man](#)

[The Trans woman who is taking on the military](#)

[These workouts offer a chance to really pump it up](#)

[Australian judge says adverse consequences for trans child likely, rules for puberty blocking drugs](#)

[Transgender issues to be subject in training session offered by Amherst Area COC](#)

[Trans photographer to exhibit at Brandeis University; seeks transgender participants](#)

[UK trans student verbally abused and shoved out of a university restroom](#)

[Trans woman running for Houston city council](#)

[American composure and electronic musician: Wendy Carlos](#)

[On the heels of DC pro-trans PR campaign, the city proposes an easier ID change](#)

[April Ashley: MBE for transgender campaigner](#)

[Islamists force Jakarta transgender festival to close](#)

[DC judge slams suspect, DA on transgender attack case](#)

[Republicans in U.S. House Kills inclusion of trans women in Violence Against Women](#)

[Brotherhood on display at Emerson College](#)

[Lucas Silveira, Canadian Transgender singer of The Cliks, hits Brooklyn's Branded Saloon for an intimate show](#)

[APA still considers transgenderism a mental disorder, just changed the name](#)

[Lawsuit Exposes City's Discrimination Against Transgender Individuals Seeking Critical Services](#)

[Not the boy next door](#)

[Why the word 'Panties' is so awful \(and what to do about it\)](#)

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Mar 20	Common Roads —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Mar 21	Common Roads —Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Mar 21	The Curve York, PA
Mar 22	Common Roads —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Mar 23	Rose York, PA
Mar 23	Tranquility Support Group Baltimore, MD
Mar 26	SCOTUS Vigil—(4:30pm—8pm) 3rd & Walnut St. Harrisburg, PA
Mar 28	Common Roads —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Mar 29	Common Roads —Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Apr 3	Common Roads —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Apr 4	The Curve York, PA
Apr 4	Common Roads —Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Apr 5	Common Roads —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Apr 6	Laptop Lounge King Of Prussia, PA
Apr 6	TGEA Meeting Harrisburg, PA
Apr 10	Common Roads —Safe Space Harrisburg, PA
Apr 11	Common Roads —Safe Space Carlisle, PA
Apr 12	Common Roads —Safe Space Lancaster, PA
Apr 12	NoVA MCC —Gender Support Group in Fairfax, VA
Apr 13	TransCentral PA Dinner @ ??? Meeting @ MCC Of The Spirit After Hours @ Stocks

Visit www.TransCentralPA.org for details & more event info!

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-ed a [hotel standby list](#), in the event that an opening occurs. Those who sign up will be guaranteed the current discount rate regardless of when the room becomes available. This list is forwarded to the Sheraton Room Manager who will contact you when availability occurs.

[Registration](#) is still available, for those interested in attending the Keystone Conference. Submissions for [financial aid](#) are being accepted for those who may need it and the [student registration](#) is still accepting registrants at this time.

Have an announcement? Email it to us at info@TransCentralPA.org



Camp Highlight is to coming to Harrisburg!

Camp Highlight and the LGBT Center of Central PA are joining forces to host an afternoon of fun and games for LGBT families. The event takes place March 10th from 2pm-4pm

Try your luck at classic carnival games that will challenge children ages and adults alike. The LGBT Center of Central PA is asking for a \$10 donation per family but no one will be turned away.

For more information visit their [events page!](#)

Vintner's Wine Tour

September 21st 2013



The 2013 Vintner's Wine Tour includes visits to three of the premier Pennsylvania Wineries.

- **Sorrenti Cherry Vally Vineyards**
- **Blue Mountain Vineyards and Cellars**
- **Long Trout Winery**

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013. Departure is at 10:00AM from Alder Health's Lancaster Health Center (1891 Santa Barbara Dr., Lancaster). Please try to arrive between 9:30AM and 9:45AM. Return: 6:30PM.

General Ticket: \$85 (\$95 after August 1st)

Vintner Ticket*: \$100 (\$110 after August 1st)

**includes a listing in the event program*

Tour is limited to 54 guests. We highly recommend early registration. Your registration to the 2013 Wine Tour includes:

- Tastings At Each Winery
- Additional Wine Tastings on the bus during the Tour
- Boxed Lunch from Fork 'n Spoon
- Snacks throughout the day
- Luxury Coach Transportation

Please Note: The tour leaves from Alder Health Services' Health Center in Lancaster (1891 Santa Barbara Dr., Ste. 104, Lancaster). This is a new departure point for the tour. To make your reservation please visit [The Alder Health Registration Page](http://www.alderhealth.org/register) (www.alderhealth.org/register) or call 1-800-867-1550.



Keystone Conference Keynote Speakers



Thursday

Luncheon Keynote

Kye Allums made history in 2010 by becoming the first transgender-male to compete in NCAA Division 1 Basketball. He played for

George Washington University where he also obtained a BA in Fine Arts.



Friday

Luncheon Keynote

Jennifer Finney Boylan is the author of thirteen books, including *She's Not There: a Life in Two Genders*, and *I'm*

Looking Through You: Growing Up Haunted. A novelist, memoirist, and short story writer, she is also a nationally known advocate for civil rights.



Saturday

Luncheon Keynote

Mara Keisling is the founding Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE). A Harris-

burg, Pennsylvania native, Mara came to Washington after co-chairing the Pennsylvania Gender Rights Coalition. Mara is a transgender-identified woman who also identifies as a parent and a Pennsylvani-

an. She is a graduate of Penn State University and did her graduate work at Harvard University in American Government.



Saturday

Dinner Keynote

Dr. Jillian T. Weiss has a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Law, Policy & Society. Currently Professor of Law and Society at

Ramapo College of New Jersey, her research area is gender identity and law. She has authored over 50 academic publications, presentations and other scholarly works, as well as approximately 40 articles and interviews for media organizations including *The New York Times* and *Associated Press*.

Conference Overview

(The Who, What, When & Where!)

On Wednesday Keystone Conference attendees will have the option of exploring local shops for that 'must have item' before they pamper themselves at the day spa/salon. Later that evening live entertainment will be provided at the Sheraton's Dog & Pony Lounge. For those interested in a more laid back atmosphere you will have the option of enjoying the indoor pool, the newly renovated gym or the nearby restaurants.

On Thursday attendees will take part in numerous Seminars & workshops of their choosing*. There will be social, shopping & individual time; as well as make-over & photography services. In the afternoon there will be a Meet &

Greet at the Hotel Bar, followed by a bus trip to the Hollywood Casino—where attendees may take part in gambling & dancing. For those uninterested in the casino—the Keystone Conference will also be hosting a Bingo/Trivia Contest. Followed by Karaoke in the Dog & Pony Lounge and much more!

Friday & Saturday will be filled with more workshops & seminars as well as medical consultations. On Friday transportation will be provided to Downtown Harrisburg for dinner, clubbing or theater. Live entertainment will be provided at the Dog & Pony.

Saturday the Conference will come to a close with, an offered, parent & family reception—more make-over & photography services, TWO Keynote speakers, a Gala Cocktail reception, A Gala Dinner & a dance with live entertainment.

Those interested in continuing into the early hours of Sunday morning may enjoy the local night clubs and much more!

So join us at the fifth annual Keystone Conference, "A Celebration of Gender Diversity", at the Sheraton Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel in Pennsylvania's centrally located capital city of Harrisburg on March 13th through 16th, 2013.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Their choosing within their purchased registration pass.

